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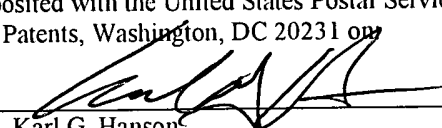
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As reflected in the Preliminary Amendment as originally filed, the Filing Receipt should indicate the title to be: FILTERING FACE MASK THAT HAS A NEW EXHALATION VALVE.

Correction of the records at the United States Patent and Trademark Office and issuance of a corrected Filing Receipt are respectfully requested.

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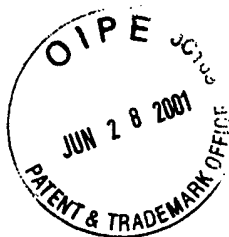
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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IN THE TITLE:

Please replace the present title with the following title: --FILTERING FACE MASK THAT HAS A NEW EXHALATION VALVE--.

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Page 1, lines 8-10, delete the sentence and insert the following:

This is a division of United States Patent Application Serial No. 08/240,877 filed May 11, 1994, which is a division of Application No. 07/981,244, filed November 25, 1992 (now U.S. Patent No. 5,325,892), which is a continuation-in-part of Application No. 07/891,289, now abandoned.

Page 3, please amend the paragraph beginning at line 7 and ending at line 9:

wherein, the fluid-permeable face mask can demonstrate a negative pressure drop when air is passed into the filtering face mask with a velocity of at least 8 m/s under a normal exhalation test.

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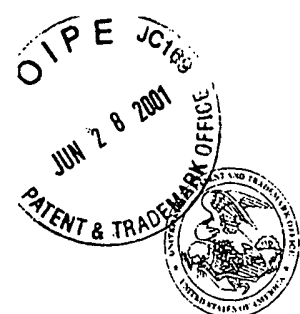
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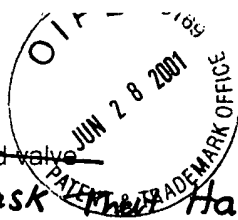
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